

FIRING ON THE INVADERS

Boers Nearing Estcourt Scattered by a British Naval Gun.

Major Stittwell Sending Volleys Into the Enemy's Ranks at Long Range. The Boers Apparently Destroying the Railroad Bridge—Despatches Indicating That They Are Steadily Closing in Upon the Town. A Large Force Assembled in the Neighborhood of Ulundi—Reports to the Effect That the English Soldiers Are Holding Their Own.

ESTCOURT, Nov. 18.—At 11:50 a. m.—About two hundred Boers were seen advancing this morning from the north along the Ulundi road. The naval brigade from Her Majesty's steamship Tarrar fired one shot from their 12-pounder and the Boers scattered. Major Stittwell also ordered volleys sent into them at long range.

The Boers are apparently destroying the railroad bridge, but there has been no firing by them as yet.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—A despatch from Estcourt, dated November 17, 11 a. m., and delayed in transmission, says that Sergeant Fisher and three men of the Natal police, sent out to reconnoitre a commando of 1,000 Boers from Orange Free State, met the first advance guard of thirty men near Gourton. Fisher and his men succeeded in capturing two prisoners, and brought them, with their horses, safely back to the British lines, being part of the time under fire.

They report that the Boers are assembled in large force in the neighborhood of Ulundi, twenty-five miles by road to the southwest of Estcourt. Several bodies of Boer troops previously sighted to the east of Estcourt are reported to be nearer than they were yesterday, indicating that they are steadily closing in upon the town.

The Boers have occupied Weenen, twenty-five miles northeast of Estcourt and are reported to be looting the town prior to continuing their southward march.

Lieutenant Bridges, of the Royal Horse Artillery, has been attached to the Imperial Light Horse.

No news has been received as to the welfare of Lieut. Winston Churchill and Captain Haldane, since their reported capture by the Boers.

According to a despatch from Estcourt under Friday's date, the Boer commandant in charge of the force at the scene of the British armored train disaster has apprised Dr. Briscoe, who took out a Red Cross train to the British relief on Wednesday, that the wounded are being well cared for by Dr. Maxwell, a Scotsman, who was sent forward for the purpose. The commandant expressed to Dr. Briscoe the admiration for the conduct of the British troops and Dr. Briscoe, in reply, praised the Boers for their courage.

Another despatch dated Estcourt, November 17, 6 p. m., and delayed in transmission, says that two native runners who left Ladysmith late on Wednesday night, report that the troops and inhabitants were in good spirits, the town in a healthy condition, and the buildings only slightly damaged by the Boer shells. There has been only one casualty, that of a volunteer who was killed in his tent by one of the Boer shells.

On Tuesday, the runners report, a small party of British made a sortie to silence the Boer guns. The runners were driven from their position with a loss of five killed, and two wounded. The British escaped without casualty.

A despatch to the "Reuter Telegram Company," dated Estcourt, November 17, says:

"A runner from Ladysmith reached here today with word from General White that all is well there. The shelling of the town has been ineffective. General White made a sortie driving the Boers from their guns, without loss to himself. The sanitary condition of the town is excellent."

Further delayed despatches from Estcourt say that Trooper Martin, of the Natal police, guided Lieut. R. G. Hooper, of the Fifth Lancers, to Ladysmith recently. Trooper Martin returned November 10, bearing a letter from Lieutenant Hooper, saying that General White's casualties to date were not severe. The Boers had been behaving well, but they were sending to him all the refugees from Dundee, making a drain upon his food supply.

Hooper and his guide went through the Boers' camp at Colenso under cover of night unchallenged. They counted about ninety tents in the encampment there. When they had come within five miles of Ladysmith the following morning, the Boers were very thick, so the Britons hid in the Douga until nightfall, when Hooper walked into Ladysmith with a native guide, afterward sending back by the latter the letter which Martin brought to Estcourt. Martin, while waiting for it, lay hidden with his horse in the Douga, surrounded by Boers, but he succeeded in escaping without attracting their attention.

The war office has received advice from Kimberley and Ladysmith, dated November 11 and 12, respectively. In each case the beleaguered British forces were reported to be holding their own and doing well.

GENERAL JOUBERT INDISPOSED.

The Boer Officer Reported to Be Somewhat Improved.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—A despatch from Pretoria, under date of November 12, says that General Joubert has been slightly indisposed but is now somewhat better. His indisposition probably gave rise to the report that he had been killed in battle.

TRANSPORTS AT CAPE TOWN.

Five British Troops Arrive at That Place.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The war office learns that five transports, Pavonia, Mongolian, America, Jamnican and Cephalonia, have arrived at Cape Town.

THE BASUTOS WAVERING.

Chief Joseph's Alleged Intention of Joining the Boers.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Advises from Maseru, the government seat of Basutoland, says that Chief Joseph, of the Basutos, has been wavering in his intention of joining the Boers.

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co. Delightful autumn trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule see page 7.

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land, dated November 8, say that Sir Godfrey Laiden, British high commissioner, left suddenly on November 1, to confer with Chief Lerethodi.

It is rumored that his visit is due to the suspicious attitude of Chief Jelo, who, it is believed, intends joining the Boers under the impression that the British are being beaten.

THE BOERS IN RHODESIA.

The Khama Threatened by Burglars Near Selika Kop.

TULL, RHODESIA, Nov. 9. (Delayed in transmission).—The Boer commando, which has been threatening the Khama near Selika Kop, crossed the Crocodile River today, and after firing a few shots, retired.

The Khama is confident that he can hold his position.

MR. HOBART'S IMPROVEMENT.

The Vice President Enjoys a Restful Night and is Stronger.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 18.—Enquiry at Carroll Hall today elicited the information taken in an ambulance to the House of Representatives. President's condition was more favorable.

Mr. Hobart last night enjoyed intervals of quiet and natural rest and throughout today he seemed to be stronger.

STRICKEN ON THE BENCH.

Judge Dewey Falls Unconscious in a Pittsfield Court.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 18.—Judge Justin Dewey, of the Massachusetts superior court, was stricken with apoplexy yesterday while holding court at Pittsfield. He was listening to the objections a lawyer was making in a case when he suddenly leaned backward and fell to the floor.

The sheriff, counsel, and jury members rushed to the judge's assistance. He was found unconscious. A physician pronounced the case congestive apoplexy. The judge was taken in an ambulance to the House of Mercy, where he still lies in an unconscious condition.

Judge Dewey has been holding court in Pittsfield for about a week. He is considered one of the ablest men in the State and one of the best judges on the bench. He has been in both branches of the State Legislature. His home is in Springfield.

SHOT DEAD WHILE GUNNING.

Tragic End of a Baltimore and Ohio Brakeman.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 18.—Jacob Hart, aged thirty-five years, a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, living in Philadelphia, was accidentally killed at Wyoming yesterday morning while on a gunning trip.

Early in the morning Mr. Hart, accompanied by John Dougherty, Albert Beddie and several others, started out in search of game. As they approached the Downham farm James Gilson, one of the party, who was walking in the rear, took his gun from his shoulder to let the hammers down. Mr. Gilson slipped and the gun went off, the load entering Mr. Hart's neck, killing him instantly. Gilson promptly surrendered himself to Constable Hart. He will be held to await the coroner's inquest.

Mr. Hart was a stranger in Wyoming, and met his gunning companions for the first time on Thursday night.

INDUSTRY IN THE TRANSVAAL.

New Factories Planned for in Paul Kruger's Republic.

The State Department has officially translated an article from a Berlin newspaper describing briefly the manufacturing and general industrial condition in the South African republic.

It shows that there are 182 factories of various kinds in the Transvaal, of which the motive power is supplied by 272 engines. "The establishment of a wool spinning and weaving mill and of a candle manufactory," the article says, "is projected."

THE DADY CONTRACT CASE.

Brigadier General Ludlow May Have to Answer Some Questions.

General Ludlow, Military Governor of Havana, may be questioned by the Secretary of War and the President concerning the charges which have been made against him by Michael C. Dady. The principal charge is that General Ludlow has obstructed the course of the law in the courts at Havana.

Mr. Dady, who is a Brooklyn politician, made a contract several years ago with the Spanish authorities in Cuba to build a system of sewers in Havana. The price agreed on was \$12,000,000. The contract was in complete force when General Ludlow assumed the duties of his office. It is said that the contract was about to be formally ratified when the war began. When peace had been restored, Mr. Dady saw General Ludlow and the recommendation that he intended to undertake the work himself, and that Dady could not have the contract.

The case was referred to Russell A. Alger, then Secretary of War. It was referred to the Department of Justice and Attorney General Griggs sent it back to the War Department with the recommendation that Mr. Dady should get a ruling on his rights from the courts of Havana. Mr. Dady declares that on account of the opposition of General Ludlow, he found it impossible to have the case decided in a judicial way.

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SOLDIERS' RATION MONEY.

A Commutation Decision by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has rendered a very important decision affecting the commutation of soldiers who were furnished under General Order No. 114, which has since been revoked.

The commutation decision states that the soldiers are entitled to commutation of rations not furnished in kind at the rate of \$1.50 per day, while necessarily traveling to and from their respective homes, and at the rate of 25 cents per day for the remainder of the time they are on furlough leave under orders.

This decision was called forth by the claim presented by George F. Kobb, private, Company G, Sixth United States Infantry, for commutation of rations at the rate of \$1.50 per day while traveling from the hospital to his home on furlough, and also for commutation at the same rate while traveling from his home to join his regiment at the expiration of the furlough.

British Attache Rents a House.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Hamilton Lee, military attaché of the British Embassy in the United States, has leased the premises at 1016 Sixteenth Street, for a term of three years, at \$4,000 per annum. The lease of the property was put on record today.

Best Boards today \$1.45 per 100 feet—still the lowest. F. Libbey & Co.

Post-wood Boards today \$1.75. Others ask more—the lowest, \$1.50. N. Y. av.

SKIRMISHES WITH REBELS

Americans Forcing the Fighting Throughout Luzon.

General Young Moving on Strongly Entrenched Insurgents Near San Nicolas—Taken Captured and Prisoners—Taken—Lieutenant Thayer and Ten Men Reported Missing.

General Otis cabled the War Department today of the movements of General Lawton and General MacArthur, both of whom are forcing the fighting against the Filipino insurgents who are scattering in all directions and seldom making resistance. The inhabitants of the country through which the Americans are moving are friendly and welcome the troops cordially. General MacArthur is pushing on from Cervera to Paniqui.

Major Swigert, with General Young, has found the insurgents strongly entrenched west of San Nicolas and the troops are moving on to dislodge them.

General Young has had several skirmishes with the enemy, capturing guns and prisoners, the troops are living off the country as they march along. General Hayes telegraphs that he holds Aguinaldo's Secretary of Interior, at San Isidro.

General Lawton reports the drowning of Lieutenant Luna, his aide and two men of his escort of the Thirty-fourth Infantry in crossing the Agno River, and that Lieutenant Thayer and ten men sent to communicate with Wheaton have been reported missing.

The weather is clearing and the troops will advance more rapidly from now on. War Department officials believe the insurgents will soon be captured or scattered through the mountains. General Otis' cablegrams follow:

Manila, Nov. 18, 8:35 a. m., 1899. Adjutant General, Washington.

Despatch from General Lawton, dated on road between San Nicolas and San Manuel, 10:15, 18th instant, transmits despatches from General Young and Major Bullard at Asingan and Rosales, of November 15th and 16th, former moving on Pampanga, about twelve miles east San Fabian, and twenty-five miles west San Nicolas, where Major Swigert finds enemy strongly entrenched. Young and Bullard have had several skirmishes with enemy, driving them northward, capturing prisoners, guns, large amounts property. Troops have subsisted on country; cordially received by inhabitants; would appear that insurgents driven northward, partially toward Bayombong, their mountain capital. Lawton reports drowning of Lieutenant Luna, Twenty-fourth Infantry, with his aide and two men of his escort, in crossing Agno River; also reports still missing Lieutenant Thayer and ten men sent to communicate with Wheaton. He says sent again to Paniqui for fortification, and cheerfulness of command. Hayes just telegraphs from San Isidro that he holds Aguinaldo's secretary of Interior. Indications now of good weather.

OTIS.

Manila, Nov. 18, 5:20 a. m., 1899. Adjutant General, Washington.

General MacArthur entered Cervera yesterday and pushed advance to Paniqui, a few miles beyond. Insurgents remained in houses receiving troops hospitably; first instance during entire advance from San Fernando. Railroad intact from without north Tarlac to Paniqui, but not beyond. Insurgents destroyed by insurgents on retreating. Sufficient rolling stock can be repaired to insure railroad service. Nothing from General Lawton, as telegraph line only working to San Jose south of Cervera and thirty-five miles east Tagay. His cavalry reported yesterday at Bayombong-Railroad station, south Dagupan. Re-enforcements and supplies leave for Baguio tomorrow. Insurgents' headquarters tonight. Indications are that insurgents troops widely scattered; some retreating into the western Luzon province of Sambales.

OTIS.

Lieut. Arthur Thayer, reported missing, is an officer in the Third Cavalry. He entered West Point in 1882 from Indiana, graduated a second lieutenant in 1886, and was made first lieutenant in 1892. He served as an instructor at West Point and went to the Philippines as first lieutenant, Troop A, Third Cavalry, but has been in command of the troop for some time. His former home was Evansville, Ind., and he has relatives in San Fabian, Texas.

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FOR THE CHARLESTON CREW.

A Refrigerating Ship Carrying Food Leaves Hong Kong.

Advices were received at the Navy Department today announcing the departure from Hongkong of the refrigerating ship Culgoa.

The mission of the vessel is to carry a supply of food for the shipwrecked crew still working to San Jose south of Cervera, and to the Philippines as first lieutenant, Troop A, Third Cavalry, but has been in command of the troop for some time. His former home was Evansville, Ind., and he has relatives in San Fabian, Texas.

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SUPPLIES FOR SOLDIERS.

Hundreds of Tons to Be Sent to the Philippines.

The Quartermaster's Department is sending large quantities of supplies to the soldiers stationed at Iloilo, Jolo, and Cebu.

The transport Duke of Fife will sail from San Francisco Monday with 1,500 tons of supplies for Iloilo, 600 tons for Jolo, and 500 tons for Cebu.

THE BROOKLYN REACHES ADEN.

She Passes Through the Red Sea in Five Days.

The armored cruiser Brooklyn, which is leading in the race of American warships to the Philippines, arrived at Aden, Arabia, today. She is the first of the four vessels bound for Manila by the European route to pass through the Red Sea.

She made the trip through that body of water in five days.

Died From His Injury.

CAMBRIDGE, Md., Nov. 18.—Capt. William Woodland, of lower Hoober's Island, who was struck on the head with a hatchet in an affray with George H. White on November 6, died Thursday after several days of the most intense suffering.

Woodland leaves a widow and four children. White is in Cambridge, where he has been for some days awaiting the result of Woodland's injuries. It is understood that he has already employed counsel to defend him. The case will likely come up at this session of the court. White surrendered himself to the sheriff of this county.

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DEROULEDE MAKES TROUBLE.

In the High Court of Justice He Denounces M. Loubet.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—A tumult was created by M. Paul Deroledue at today's session of the high court of justice, trying Deroledue, Buffet, and others for conspiring against the state. In the course of the trial Deroledue denounced M. Loubet as one unworthy to be President of France.

In the ensuing confusion the other prisoners proclaimed themselves sympathizing with Deroledue's sentiment.

Amid great excitement the Procureur General called Deroledue to order.

While the court was deliberating as to the proper manner of dealing with the peace breakers MM. Guiberson and Du-mont, two of the journalists present, became angry in the discussion of the merits of the case, that they exchanged blows.

THE ATLANTIC CITY SUICIDE.

Body of the Woman Who Drowned Herself Identified.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 18.—The woman who drowned herself in the ocean Thursday evening was identified yesterday afternoon as Miss Katherine Kelley of Philadelphia. Before coming from Philadelphia Thursday Miss Kelley wrote the following to her Philadelphia attorney, Harold Haverstock: "When you receive this note I will be in eternity."

Under a pseudonym she wrote her home by Undertaker Joseph Hooker, of 2896 Spring Garden Street, but the woman's address was refused. She is said to be connected with a well-to-do family. After reaching Atlantic City Miss Kelley went to Young's pier and jumped into the water. It was noticed that she had been melancholy for some days. County Physician Souder decided that no inquest was necessary.

STRANGLER IN A CHAIR.

A Little Girl the Victim of a Folding Rocker.

READING, Pa., Nov. 18.—A folding rocking chair around which four-year-old Laura Miller was playing, last evening collapsed and caught the child by the head in its frame, strangling her. The little girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, living at 1009 North Eleventh Street, this city.

Laura was swinging the chair back and forth when her mother stepped out of the room on a household errand. Mrs. Miller returned in about five minutes and found the child held firm in the chair's grasp. When she broke the contrivance open her daughter dropped dead. There had been no outcry.

BOUND BY BURGLARS.

A Tax Collector and His Son the Victims of Thieves.

SHARON, Pa., Nov. 18.—Tax Collector Frank Bruner and son, Earl, of Mill Creek, Mercer county, had a desperate encounter with masked burglars Thursday. Mr. Bruner was struck over the head with a slingshot and rendered unconscious. His father attacked the robbers, but he was no match for three desperate men, and was overpowered and bound with ropes. The burglars ransacked the house and escaped.

There is no clue. It is supposed the robbers were searching for the money which Bruner had collected the day previously.

DAMAGED BY FIRE.

A Brick Building on Fourteenth Street Burned Out.

The large brick building at the corner of Fourteenth Street and Henry Island Avenue, northwest, owned by R. C. Bergen, and occupied on the lower floor by Frank W. Huddleston, as a drug store, and on the upper floors by the family of W. S. Eaton, was damaged by fire about 3:30 o'clock this morning. The fire originated in the cellar under the drug store, it is supposed, from a lighted gas jet. It was discovered by Mr. Eaton, who was in an alarm. The fire department responded promptly, and after a hard fight subdued the flames.

The damage resulting from the fire was estimated at \$2,500, fully covered, it is said, by insurance. The principal loss was sustained by Mr. Huddleston. The cellar in which a quantity of drugs was stored, was gutted and the drug store was badly damaged. Its contents suffered severely from the smoke and water.

The damage to the upper floors of the building occupied by Mr. Eaton, is slight. It was thought at the time that the entire building would be destroyed, and because of that the Eatons moved a quantity of their belongings to the street.

A STREET CAR ABLAZE.

Short Circuit on the Hyattsville Line Causes Excitement.

Traffic was delayed on the Hyattsville branch of the City and Suburban Railway for a period of thirty minutes, beginning about 7:45 o'clock this morning. The trouble was caused by a short circuit in one of the meters of car No. 35, when it reached the corner of Fourth Street and New York Avenue west bound. The short circuit caused a fire which at one time threatened to destroy the car.

Truck D company, which is located about a block from the scene of the fire, was summoned on a local alarm and extinguished the blaze. The damage resulting was estimated at \$15. After the fire had been extinguished the damaged car was pushed to the power house and repaired.

APARTMENT HOUSES SOLD.

George S. Cooper Disposes of Three of Them.

George S. Cooper has sold to R. G. Park, of Pittsburgh, the apartment houses known as "The Helena," "The Oregon" and "The Berwin," at 1925, 1927, and 1929 Fourth Street, for \$75,000. Mr. Cooper takes in part payment a lot fronting twenty-five feet on Connecticut Avenue just below R Street, at \$15,000, and the property 2335 Q Street for \$10,000.

The deeds in connection with the transfers were placed on record today. The sales were made through Baumgard, real estate broker.

Mr. Baumgard has also sold to George H. Beaman for \$12,500 the northwest corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Twenty-second Street.

LEE CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT.

The General to Return to Cuba About December.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee called on the President today to pay his respects before leaving Washington. While waiting to see the President, Brig. Gen. James F. Wade, of the Department of Dakota, also called, and they visited the President together.

General Lee said that the question of civil government for Cuba was not discussed, and that he did not know what the President proposed to do in the matter.

General Lee leaves Washington tonight for Richmond, and will return to Cuba about the 1st of December.

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GOVERNOR BRADLEY FIRM

Goebel to Be Ignored if Votes Are Thrown Out.

Political Chances in Louisville, and an Explosion Likely to Occur at Any Moment—A Crisis Hangs on the Action in Regard to the Vote of Nelson, Knox, and Jefferson Counties.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 18.—Affairs are very chaotic and an explosion is likely to occur at any moment. If the Jefferson county Goebel attorneys to throw out the 42,000 votes in Louisville, a riot is certain to occur.

Judge Jones, Democrat, today granted the mandatory injunction asked by the Republicans at Glasgow to compel the Goebel commissioners in Nelson county to correct the mistakes in their certificates, in which they counted 1,198 votes as having been cast for W. P. Taylor instead of W. S. Taylor. This is a clear gain of 1,198 for Taylor.

Governor Bradley is firm in his decision to refuse to recognize Goebel as governor if Nelson, Knox, or Jefferson counties is thrown out by Goebel's board. Federal interference is now looked for as the Republicans are undoubtedly proceeding along that line. Sensational affidavits are being filed by Goebels, charging anti-Goebels as General Basil Duke with fraud. Notably there is an affidavit made by William F. Crites and W. H. Mulken, who were Goebelite election officers.

Senator Blackburn's home paper, the "Woodford Sun," which since 1861 has been his official organ, comes out today in an editorial denouncing the attempt of Goebel to steal the State. It is understood to have been inspired by Blackburn, who believes Goebel is after the Senator.

The editorial says: "The only right and decent thing to do in this present indecent state of affairs is to seat the candidate who is elected on the face of the returns, except where fraud is actually proven beyond possible doubt, and in such cases let contestants on both sides receive fair treatment equally. If this means Goebel seat him. If it seats Taylor, seat him."

"It is impossible for us to credit the statement that Democrats actually contemplate the throwing out of 1,198 votes in Nelson county which were cast for Taylor, simply because the county clerk furnished the election officers with printed forms of certificates which were filled out by Taylor instead of W. S. Taylor. Such action would be a bare-faced steal and absolutely damning to the Democratic party in this State. The editors of this paper have always been consistent Democrats and have never scratched a ticket and the sort of Democracy we were taught would lead us to loathe a victory gained by such methods and cry shame on such dirty suggestions."

J. F. MARSTON SENTENCED.

Pleads Guilty to Fraudulent Collections of Money.

CAIRO, Ill., Nov